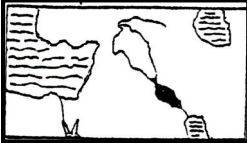


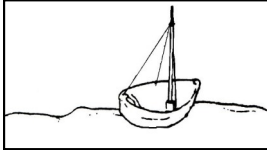
Questions to Ask About a Culture

1. Geography



- Valley between Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
- Mesopotamian = Valley between the Rivers
- Weather much the same as today, hot in summer 40°C cold in winter -0°C

2. Economics



- Lacked many natural resources. (Timber, stone, minerals)
- Fertile land for crops
- 1/2 was donated to temple

3. Religion and Philosophy



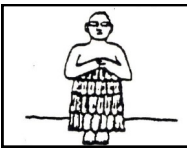
- Built pyramid like temples called ziggurats
- Worshipped deities
- Believed each city-state was founded by specific deities

4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



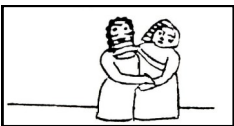
- Used pictures to represent objects
- Written language developed in Mesopotamia
- Letters tapered at base, called cuneiforms. Latin for wedge shaped

5. Political Science



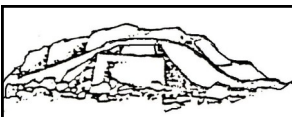
- Settled into city-states / own rules + government
- Uruk most powerful city state
- Strong city-states conquered and controlled weaker governments

6. Sociology



- Father arranged marriages for daughter
- Only boys go to school
- Society is made of Upper class, Middle class, Lower class and slaves

7. History



- Referred to as the "cradle of civilization"
- First known civilizations found here
- Country followed pattern of settlement and conquest